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§ 574.1 Statutory authority.

The basic statutory authority for establishment of the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home is contained in the Act of March 3, 1851 (9 Stat. 595), and the Act of March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 564).

§ 574.2 Home benefits.

The United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home provides a home and other benefits authorized by law for its members. Some of the important Home benefits are as follows:

- (a) Suitable living quarters.
- (b) Subsistence.
- (c) Medical, dental, and hospital care.
- (d) Complete recreation program.
- (e) Laundry and drycleaning service.

§ 574.3 Persons eligible for admission to the Home.

(a) The following persons are eligible for admission to the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, except as indicated in § 574.4:

(1) First Category—Every soldier, airman, or warrant officer, male or female, of the Army or Air Force of the United States, who has—

(i) Had some service as an enlisted member or warrant officer in the Regular Army or Regular Air Force; and

(ii) Served honestly and faithfully for 20 years or more. In computing the necessary 20 years' time, all active service as an enlisted member or as a warrant officer in the Army or Air Force, whether in the regular or Reserve components, will be credited. Service in the Navy or the Marine Corps or serv-

ice as a commissioned officer cannot be credited.

(2) Second Category—Every soldier, airman, or warrant officer, male or female, of the Army or Air Force of the United States, whether in the regular or Reserve components, who has—

(i) Had some service as an enlisted member or warrant officer in the Regular Army or Regular Air Force and

(ii) Become incapable of earning a livelihood because of the disease, an injury, or wounds incurred in the military service of the United States, in line of duty, and not as a result of his/her own misconduct.

(3) Third Category—Every soldier, airman, or warrant officer, male or female, of the Army or Air Force of the United States, whether in the Regular or Reserve components, who—

(i) Has served on active duty as an enlisted member or warrant officer in the Army or Air Force during any war;

(ii) Has had some service as an enlisted member or warrant officer in the Regular Army or Regular Air Force; and

(iii) Is by reason of wounds, sickness, old age or other disability, unable to earn a livelihood.

(b) A requirement in each category is the performance of some service in the Regular Army or Regular Air Force and the terminating of active service in an enlisted or warrant officer status. Any enlisted person or warrant officer who served as a volunteer in the Spanish American War or who served with an organization of the Regular Army during World War I will be considered as having had some service in the Regular Army.

(c) Admission to the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home is granted by authority of the Board of Commissioners. Individuals who are admitted to the Home will be officially designated as members. Whenever the Home's facilities become limited to the extent that it appears that all eligible applicants cannot be accommodated, a system of priorities authorized by the Board of Commissioners will be administered by the Governor of the Home. The objective of this system will be to grant admission to the most deserving individuals.